



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 1209-00

28 September 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 26 September 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 18 July 1973 at age 17. The record reflects that on 21 February 1974 you received nonjudicial punishment for an unauthorized absence of seven days.

A special court-martial convened on 10 April 1974 and found you guilty of conspiracy to steal a field safe and its contents valued at \$1483; illegally entering a military building; and stealing the field safe with a money order, diamond ring, check, and currency valued at \$1483. The court sentenced you to confinement at hard labor for four months, forfeitures of \$217 per month for four months, a reduction in pay grade, and a bad conduct discharge. Subsequently, you were convicted by two summary courts-martial. The offenses included willful disobedience of a lawful order, disrespect, and stealing food on two occasions. Subsequently, the bad conduct discharge was ordered executed and you were discharged on 31 January 1975.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all

potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge due to the frequency and seriousness of your offenses. In this regard, the Board especially noted the serious larceny offenses. Based on the foregoing, the Board concluded that no change to the discharge is warranted. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director